

REMARKS

Claims 55-57, 64-67, 69, 71, 73-75 are pending in the Application.

Claims 55-57, 69, 71 and 73-75 are allowed.

Claims 64-67 are rejected.

Claims 64-67 are cancelled herein without prejudice.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)/ § 103(a) OVER *SERAPHIN*

Examiner has rejected Claims 64-67 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over, Seraphin et al., "Single-Walled Tubes and Encapsulation of Nanocrystals into Carbon Clusters," *J. Electrochem. Soc.*, Vol. 142, No. 1, January, 1995, pp. 290-297, ("*Seraphin*"). Office Action, at 3.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. However, to facilitate prosecution, Applicant has cancelled Claims 64-67 herein without prejudice, and therefore rejection of these claims is now moot.

II. ALLOWED CLAIMS

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 55-57, 69, 71 and 73-75 are allowed. Office Action, at 3.

III. CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicant that the Claims in the Application are now in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of such Claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call Applicant's attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

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